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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Organization.
 3. Invite visiting members to seats.
 4. Open the door for churches to unite with us.
 5. Invite correspondence.
 6. Appoint special committees.
 7. Miscellaneous business.
 8. Call for reports of standing committees.
 9. Appoint standing committees.
 10. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
 11. Miscellaneous business.
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NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. M. LANGSTON.....	Six Mile, Ala.
R. M. HONEYCUTT.....	Clanton, Ala.
J. M. GOTHARD.....	Jemison, Ala.
J. E. CHAMPION.....	Clear Creek, Ala.
D. A. SEALE.....	Montevallo, Ala.
S. D. POSEY.....	Randolph, Ala.
L. B. POUNDS.....	Jemison, Ala.
W. A. WOOD.....	Lily, Ala.
W. G. RIGGINS.....	Strasburg, Ala.
SUTTON SMITHERMAN.....	Six Mile, Ala.
A. L. FOSHEE.....	Clanton, Ala.
W. M. WOOD.....	Clanton, Ala.
GEORGE W. FREEMAN.....	Randolph, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. J. LOWERY.....	Clear Creek, Ala.
A. GLASSCOCK.....	Randolph, Ala.
I. N. LANGSTON.....	Six Mile, Ala.

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MINUTES.

NEW SALEM CHURCH, Chilton County, Ala., Sept. 23, 1836

This being the day appointed for the meeting, the people assembled at New Salem church, and at 11 a.m. the introductory services were held by R. M. Honeycutt, the appointed subject Rom. 12 ch. 1 and 2 verses. At one thirty p.m. the Association was called to order by Elder J. M. Langston, the former Moderator, who appointed Brethren J. W. Moore and L. B. Pounds to read the letters, whereupon the roll was called and the letters read and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. M. Langston, Sutton Smitherman, G. W. Freeman, Z. J. Corley, H. L. Hicks, D. B. Smitherman, J. W. Dunlap, D. Z. Woolley, W. N. Lawrence.

Strasburg—D. H. Honeycutt, J. W. Moore.

Pleasant Grove—A. J. Lee, D. B. Oden, W. R. Dawson, James Cobb, M. C. Childress.

Macedonia—J. P. Atchison, Y. O. Freeman, W. Y. Nix, John Compton, J. D. Glasscock.

New Salem—Felix Eiland, G. W. Sorrell, Monroe Martin, Joe Burnett, Dave Lodge, T. G. Williams.

Pleasant Hill—D. L. Ray, M. D. Ray, B. M. Scott.

Rehoboth—J. J. Hicks, D. L. Smitherman, Edgar Gentry, D. C. Smitherman, M. F. Lawley, Cape Milner.

Collins' Chapel—T. J. Collins, Samuel Pate, A. Littleton, K. R. Burnett, W. A. Mims.

Mars Hill—J. P. Gentry, C. L. Langston, James Gothard, F. M. Langston, J. M. Scott, A. J. Pate, S. D. Posey, E. G. Cofer.

Shady Grove—D. R. Jackson, Z. W. Langston, James Smitherman, Pink Scott, Jackson Smitherman, Joel Fitts, M. J. Payne.

Center Hill—J. H. Martin, G. W. Langston, L. A. McGraw, J. H. Waddell.

Providence—R. M. Honeycutt, J. J. Lowery, J. E. Creel, W. R. Houlditch, J. A. Lowery, W. H. Shaw.

Liberty Hill—W. M. Wood, A. L. Foshee, Wiley Foshee.

The Association then proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the re-election of Elder J. M. Langston as Moderator and R. M. Honeycutt, Clerk. The moderator then gave an invitation for churches to unite with us.

On motion W. H. Conway and W. L. Honeycutt were received as delegates from Mineral Springs church, the same being present without a letter.

Open the door for correspondence. Received from Shelby Association Rev. W. H. Connell and E. W. Freeman; from

Unity, Elders R. H. Long, S. M. Adams. Returned correspondence to Shelby Association, J. M. Langston, S. Smitherman; to Unity, L. B. Pounds, John Hewitt, R. M. Honeycutt.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees, which are to report to this body.

On Devotion—L. B. Pounds as Pastor, and the deacons of New Salem church, F. M. Lawley and W. H. Shaw.

On Finance—D. Z. Woolley, A. J. Lee, T. G. Williams.

On motion, A. Glasscock and Monroe Hubbard were received as delegates from Macedonia church.

The Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were then read.

A motion was then made to rescind the act of the Association in receiving the brethren from Mineral Springs church and Macedonia church on the ground of its being unconstitutional. Motion prevailed.

Committee on Devotion made the following report—Prayer and song service to-morrow at 8:30 a.m., conducted by S. Smitherman; at 11 a.m. Missionary sermon by S. M. Adams.

The Moderator then appointed Committee on Nominations as follows: Z. J. Corley, Y. O. Freeman and W. A. Mims.

The Association then adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Second Day.

The service was conducted by Brother Smitherman and was much enjoyed by those present.

At 9:30 the Moderator called the body to order and proceeded to business. 1st., called the roll. On motion the Moderator appointed a committee of three, to wit: R. M. Honeycutt, John Hewitt and W. M. Wood to ascertain the cause of Waxahatchie church not being represented in the Association, and report to the next session of this body.

The report of Committee on Sabbath-schools was then read and after discussion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

To the Mulberry Association.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to submit the following report. We believe the Sabbath-school within the Mulberry Association is on the gaining ground to some extent, but not to as great an extent as it should be, nor as it would be if we, as professors of religion, were discharging our duties as we should. We believe that the Sabbath-school is one of the best places known for brethren and sisters to meet and read and study the Word of God, and to teach it to the young and rising generation and thereby instill in their minds the blessed truths contained in the Bible, which we believe will be the means of helping to bring them to Christ. We believe that the young people who are trained in a good Sabbath-school are much easier

reached by the preaching of the gospel than those who have not had this Sabbath-school training; therefore, brethren, let us all wake up to our duty as Sabbath-school workers and keep our Sabbath-school running the year round, and may the blessings of God be upon us in so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SHAW, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Temperance was then read and discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: Intemperance is the great enemy of humanity. It is intemperance that destroys the usefulness of man, both in morals and in health. We may be intemperate in the use of our tongue and thereby be the cause of great distress and sorrow that will last through generations yet unborn. But the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks is the bane of society; it has been the means in the hands of the devil of blighting the lives of more men who would have otherwise been good and useful than any other intemperate act known to men. Intemperance in the use of strong drink has laid its hand of distress on more innocent women and children, through drunken husbands, than all other evils. It leads to ill-treatment to wife and children, and the home is neglected in every good work where drunkenness is common, therefore, let us labor to be more temperate in all things, and prohibitionist in the use of strong drink.

W. G. RIGGINS, *Chairman.*

At 11 a.m. the Association took a recess of fifteen minutes, then listened to an earnest and instructive sermon by Brother S. M. Adams, from Matthew 28 ch. 19th verse. The services were largely attended, and the indications were that great good was accomplished. At the close of this service a collection was taken up for missions, which resulted in cash \$5.30. The Association then adjourned for dinner and at 1:30 p.m. was called to order again by the Moderator. The reports of the various committees were then read in order, and after discussion were adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, make the following report: We feel that the subject of education is one that should interest every one of our brethren. We feel that no brother should be sent out by the church to preach the Gospel to the people until the church knows that by his work he has been called of God and has been taught of God. We believe that a preacher must first be educated in the heart to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the right way to sinners. We feel, brethren,

that no one can do anything that he knows nothing about. Brethren, God has promised us all that is needful if we will keep His commandments. We feel that when God calls a man to do work he knows it and that he should go about the work as God directs him. Brethren, let us have God's way, not ours, God's Word and not ours. Let us pray that God will direct us right. Brethren, we should read and study God's Word that we may be able to know what is our duty that we may be blessed. God will be with His children and bless them when they serve Him. Brethren, let us be more like Christ's disciples, they went about the Master's work in the name of the Master, and in His power God helps us to carry out the commands. We feel that it is right to help our ministers. We are taught that in God's Word. Now, brethren, we feel and see the need of more education and love for the cause of Christ. We pray that the time is near at hand when Christians will wake up to a discharge of duty, and love God with our whole heart and serve Him to divine acceptance. We pray that God will give us more heartfelt religion, that we would be steadfastly immovable always in the service of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
A. GLASSCOCK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee would report as follows: It is with regret that we report to the Association the great neglect of our churches to the subject of the Mission work. Your Committee believes that there is a great amount of good being accomplished by our Mission boards, both in State, Home and Foreign, but we are sorry to know that we are doing so little in helping those engaged in this work. Your Committee believes that it is the duty of every Christian to do something to help to carry into effect the great command of our Master when He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But how to get them to do this is something we can't tell. We believe that this neglect is due to a want of proper education and training, and we further believe that our ministers are the first to be blamed with this neglect because they don't impress this duty upon their congregations more fully, and we believe further that our people are too willing to this, and that we are all to blame. Your Committee would earnestly recommend and insist upon the members of our Association that they give this matter more thought and let us come to the help of those engaged in this work, and not only be hearers of the Word but doers of the work.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The orphanage is located at Evergreen, Conecuh county. Every Baptist in Alabama should know the history of the Orphans' Home. We feel safe in saying that it is an institution of

God's own appointment. The people have nobly supported it. The property is paid for. A dining room is much needed, as well as sick room. Some seventy-five children have been sent to the Orphans' Home, and about thirty-eight of them have been sent to good homes. The children are being taught not only in literature, but to labor with their hands. Rev. J. W. Stewart has charge of this institution, he is one of our best business men as well as one of our most consecrated and useful ministers. Mrs. Ansley is the very one to preside over the children. Oh, who could withhold their giving to a home for children who have no father, no mother and no home.

G. W. FREEMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME RELIGION.

We, your Committee on Home Religion, beg leave to say that one hopeful sign of the times is the progress of religion at home, or the erection of family altars at home, and there seems as a result to be more piety and reverence for God and His people and less reveling, such as dancing and play parties that once were so prevalent in our country, and even countenanced in the homes of our church members. Such things are now forbidden in those homes and our young people are invited to attend and engage in singing God's praise. But, dear brethren, while we see hopeful signs which should encourage us in this direction, yet we can by no means say that our Christian people are as devout in their home worship and service of the Lord as they should be, for there are yet very many of our brethren who fail to take up their cross by reading God's Word and leading their families to the Lord in prayer, so please allow us to insist on our preachers and teachers to press those sacred duties more fervently upon our people, for a people that serve God at home will surely serve Him at church and abroad, and if we have not religion at home surely we can not have much abroad.

W. A. MIMS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Received from the churches for Minutes.....	\$25-75
“ “ “ Foreign Missions	2-15
“ “ “ Home Missions.. ..	95
“ “ “ Orphans' Home.. ..	14-88

Total..... 43-73

A. J. LEE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, offer the following report:

We recommend that the next session of the Mulberry Associ-

ation be held with Antioch church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1897. We further recommend L. B. Pounds to preach the introductory sermon, Sutton Smitherman alternate. We further recommend as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention G. W. Freeman; alternate, R. M. Honeycutt.

Z. J. CORLEY, *Chairman*.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he superintend the printing of the minutes and distributing them to the churches and that he expend the amount on hand for that purpose in that way, and the money for missions be sent to the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and the money for the Orphans' Home be sent to J. W. Stewart at Evergreen.

The following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That this Association tender our thanks to the people of New Salem church and vicinity for kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay with them. Also tender our thanks to Brother Logan for the music furnished.

D. Z. WOOLLEY.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees who will report at the next meeting of the Association:

On Sunday-schools—A. Glass, A. J. Lee.

On Temperance and Prohibition—L. B. Pounds, Z. W. Langston.

On State, Home and Foreign Missions—M. D. Langston, J. J. Hicks.

On Ministerial Education—J. P. Gentry, W. H. Shaw.

On Home Religion—S. Smitherman, D. R. Jackson.

On Periodicals—R. M. Honeycutt, Felix Eiland.

On Orphans' Home—W. M. Wood, A. L. Foshee.

The Association having finished the business of this session, adjourned to meet with Antioch church, Bibb county, Ala., on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1897.

J. M. LANGSTON, *Moderator*.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, *Clerk*.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District.

The next meeting of the First District will be held with Macedonia church on Wednesday before the first Sunday in August, 1897. Introductory sermon by R. M. Honeycutt.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. What is the best means of promoting a growth in grace?
Opened by M. D. Langston and Z. J. Jones.
2. Should we leave off foot-washing in our church worship?
Opened by S. D. Posey and W. Y. Nix.
3. What constitutes a living faith? Opened by Y. O. Freeman and J. P. Gentry.

Second District.

The next meeting of the Second District will be held with Mineral Springs church on Friday, before the fourth Sunday in July, 1897. Introductory Sermon by R. M. Honeycutt; W. G. Riggins alternate.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Can a church organization, according to the New Testament plan, be kept up in this our day without any finance; if not, whose duty is it to furnish said finance? Opened by J. H. Martin and Felix Eiland.
2. Is water baptism essential to salvation to the believer in Christ? Opened by W. A. Mims and Samuel Pate.



STATISTICS OF MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1896.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.	M-embership last Reported	Inc'r by			Dec. by			Present Membership	Minutes	Missions	Orphans' Home	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Education	SUNDAY-SCHOOL		Officers	Pupils
						Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death							Superintend't	Supt's P.O.		
FIRST DISTRICT																					
Antioch.....	Bibb.....	J. M. Langston	Z. J. Corley...	Randolph.....	177	11	3	6	18		1	168	5.00	2.06	66.00	11.15	D.B.Smitherman	Randolph.....	7	61
Enon.....	Bibb.....																				
Macedonia.....	Chilton.....	L. B. Pounds..	S. E. Waldrup..	Randolph.....	114	2		1	5		1	110	2.00		5.40			A. Glass.....	Randolph.....		25
Mars Hill.....	Chilton.....	S. Smitherman	G. W. Gothard..	Jemison.....	153	14		1	3	3	1	168	2.00	50	2.00					6	40
Rehoboth.....	Bibb.....	S. Smitherman	M. F. Lawley..	Randolph.....	133	15	7		2	2	5	140	2.50	1.45	1.98	50.00	4.65				
Shady Grove.....	Bibb.....	S. Smitherman	W. J. Jackson..	Six Mile.....	134	7	5	7	4	7	1	154	1.50		75	50.00		Dave Wallace..	Randolph.....		35
Pleasant Grove.....	Chilton.....	G. W. Freeman	D. H. Hudgens..	Jemison.....	109	12	18	1	6		1	133	1.50	2.00	2.55			W. R. Dawson..	Jemison.....	5	60
SECOND DISTRICT																					
Center Hill.....	Chilton.....	R. H. Long....	J. H. Martin....	Jemison.....	26		2		4		1	27	1.00					no school.....			
Collins Chapel...	Chilton.....	W. G. Riggins..	W. A. Mims....	Jemison.....	89	2			10	8	1	75	2.00					no school.....			
Liberty Hill.....	Chilton.....	W. A. Wood....	Jasper Giles...	Chilton.....				1	5		2	39	1.00		1.55						
Mineral Springs..	Chilton.....																				
New Salem.....	Chilton.....	L. B. Pounds..	T. G. Williams..	Strasburg.....	128	29	20	4	6		2	166	2.00	1.15	3.53			J. R. Caine.....	Strasburg.....	5	41
Providence.....	Chilton.....	R.M.Honeycutt	W. H. Shaw....	Clear Creek...	135	8	2		7		1	147	3.00		7.20			W. H. Shaw....	Clear Creek...		
Pleasant Hill.....	Chilton.....	B. H. Vickers..	W. P. Scott....	Strasburg.....	45	1			9			36	1.25					no school.....			
Strasburg.....	Chilton.....	L. B. Pounds..	J. W. Moore....	Strasburg.....	10							13	50		55						
Waxahatchie.....	Chilton.....																				
Total.....					1247	101	57	21	79	20	17	1376	25.25	7.16	25.51	166.00	15.80			23	262